

Approved 4/13/15

Franklin County Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of January 12, 2015, Meeting

Board Members Present: Rita Shoemaker, Darby Cannon, Debbie Flowers, Wayne Miller, Nancy White, Doris Bell, Logan Mathis, Cheryl Slater, Travis Moon (late)

Library Staff Present: Rosie Chitwood, Emma Lecroy, Kathryn Ames, Lorena Gay-Griffin

Rita called the meeting to order.

Nancy White made the motion to approve the minutes and Darby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cheryl made the motion to adopt the agenda and Wayne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

There were no public comments.

Rita introduced Lorena Gay-Griffin who is our region's new outreach librarian and Doris Bell who represents Canon.

Local library report from Lavonia: Emma noted the \$1,500 donation from Fanello Industries for the Lavonia renovation effort.

Local library report from Royston: Rosie said that the books from the Libri Fouondation grant have arrived. Donations were received from the Royston Friends and Royston LLC. Two employees resigned and two new employees were hired. The toilet overflow issue was noted as were problems with the electrical outlets under the circulation desk that don't work.

Kathryn gave the financial report. There are still some issues with unresolved construction problems at Royston and there is \$24K left in construction funds. She will ask Mike Cartner for an estimate to fix the cracks in the building. All of the security items may not have been taken care of yet. The financial report is a good one—over 54% of revenue has been collected and the Royston and Lavonia gift accounts are in good shape. The additional funds approved by the Board of Commissioners are now being collected.

Kathryn also gave the director's report. She said that she is now working part-time. Lorena reviewed results of the patron survey. An upcoming effort will be made to have people sign cards that support asking the legislature to approve money for collections; the cards will be delivered in person to the state legislators. Libraries will be receiving display materials to publicize this effort. Lorena also gave a report on the strategic plan, noting that most targets have been met. A new handout given to trustees included information on Royston and Lavonia website use. Hot dog day will be January 29. Efforts will be made that day to promote more money for books/materials, seeking approval for the construction project in Bogart, and MRR grants.

Rita will send trustees an e-mail with legislator contact information.

Under new business, there was discussion about the beginning of Phase II of the Lavonia Carnegie renovation project and the best way to ensure that the board has some input to interior changes before the city gets too far into the renovation. After more discussion, a motion was made to establish a board committee made up of Rita and one other Franklin County board member and appointed local Friends representatives to meet with city manager Gary Fesperman to talk about interior changes. The motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Darby. It was approved unanimously. Lorena also asked to be part of the committee.

Rita reviewed the city of Royston budget proposal for the library building. She said that the city also wants copies of warranties associated with heating/air and security systems. Regarding increased funding request from the city, Kathryn suggested that if city of Royston employees receive a pay increase that we should ask for the same increase for library employees. Both health insurance and teacher's retirement fund expenses are expected to rise.

Rita said that it is time to go before the fiscal year government funding agencies to request funds for the 2015/2016 year. Kathryn suggested that a board committee meet with Mamie Simonds (ARLS business manager) to get updated information about the outlook for health insurance and teacher's retirement fund increases. A motion was made for the committee to be formed. Cheryl made the motion, Darby seconded it, and it was approved unanimously. The committee will consist of Rita and Cheryl.

Lorena said that she can pull comments from the customer survey that can be shared with the Lavonia city manager regarding the renovations at the Carnegie library.

Trustees received a handout from the state library that shows the legislative districts for each library system to make it easier for us to contact our state legislators.

Rita told Kathryn that we regret seeing her leave us and thanked her for her leadership and all she has done for our libraries.

Cheryl made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Slater, Board secretary

**OGLETHORPE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**  
**2015-2016**

<b><u>NAME ADDRESS PHONE</u></b>	<b><u>APPOINTED BY</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>FULL TERM BEGAN</u></b>
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<b>Ms. Alice Hughes</b> (retired) 1042 Parkview Rd. Winterville, GA 30683 706-742-7560 <a href="mailto:sevenosix@windstream.net">sevenosix@windstream.net</a>	Co. Comm. in 10/2010	Dec. 31, 2015	unexpired
<b>Ms. Miriam Shook</b> (media specialist OCPS) 169 Bridges Drive Winterville, GA 30683 (706)410-4569 (706)743-8194 <a href="mailto:miriamshook@gmail.com">miriamshook@gmail.com</a>	Bd. Ed. in 10/2010	Dec. 31, 2016	unexpired
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<b>Mr. Howard Shapiro</b> (retired) PO Box 418 Lexington, GA 30648 (706)338-7348 <a href="mailto:ivymaus3@gmail.com">ivymaus3@gmail.com</a> ARLS Board Representative	Bd. Ed. in 7/2011	July 30, 2016	07/01/11
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<b>Ms. Brenda Moody (Financial Officer)</b> (Customer Relations ATC) 1238 Union Point Rd. Stephens, GA 30667 706-207-9319 <a href="mailto:bmoody1000@aol.com">bmoody1000@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:bmoody@athenstech.edu">bmoody@athenstech.edu</a>	Co. Comm. in 12/2010	Dec. 31, 2019	01/01/2014
<b>VACANT</b>	Co. Comm.	Dec. 31, 2015	unexpired
<b>Ms. Katie Baldwin</b> (asst. principal OCES) 342 Arnoldsburg Rd. Arnoldsville, GA 30619 706-743-8194(W) 706-340-6328 <a href="mailto:kbaldwin@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us">kbaldwin@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us</a>	Bd. Ed. In 6/2012	Dec. 31, 2019	05/01/14
<b>Ms. Valerie Bell</b> , Director <a href="mailto:vbell@athenslibrary.org">vbell@athenslibrary.org</a> (706) 613-3650			
<b>Ms. Lorena Gay-Griffin</b> , Outreach Librarian <a href="mailto:lggriffin@athenslibrary.org">lggriffin@athenslibrary.org</a> (706) 613-3650 x347			
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Franklin County Library Board of Trustees Members  
2014 - 2015

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City of Carnesville  (2 <sup>nd</sup> full term expires 6/30/2017) Profession: retired	Nancy White 8921 Ila Road Carnesville, GA 30521 <a href="mailto:nwhite@windstream.net">nwhite@windstream.net</a> 706-384-2685
City of Franklin Springs  Regional Board Member (2 <sup>nd</sup> full term expires 6/30/2016) Profession: retired	Cheryl W. Slater P. O. Box 745 Royston, GA 30662 <a href="mailto:mrswaltslater@aol.com">mrswaltslater@aol.com</a> 706-246-9599 (home) 913-708-2088 (cell)
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Franklin County Board of Education	(Vacant and expired)
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City of Lavonia  (1 <sup>st</sup> full term expires 6/30/2015) Profession : retired	Logan Mathis P. O. Box 723 Lavonia, GA 30553 <a href="mailto:lhmacm@windstream.net">lhmacm@windstream.net</a> 706-356-8994
City of Royston  Senior Co-Chair ( 1 <sup>st</sup> full term expires 6/30/2015) Profession: Franklin Co. Mentor Program	Rita Shoemaker 106 Franklin Springs Street Royston, GA 30662 <a href="mailto:ritabshoe@hotmail.com">ritabshoe@hotmail.com</a> 706-245-7374 (home) 404-906-9653 (cell)

#### Library Personnel

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Outreach Librarian	Lorena Gay-Griffin <a href="mailto:lggriffin@athenslibrary.org">lggriffin@athenslibrary.org</a> 706-613-3650 ext 347
Lavonia Branch Manager	Emma LeCroy <a href="mailto:elecroy@athenslibrary.org">elecroy@athenslibrary.org</a> 706-356-4307
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City of Franklin Springs  Secretary Regional Board Member (2 <sup>nd</sup> full term expires 6/30/2016) Profession: retired	Cheryl W. Slater P. O. Box 745 Royston, GA 30662 <a href="mailto:mrswaltslater@aol.com">mrswaltslater@aol.com</a> 706-246-9599 (home) 913-708-2088 (cell)
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Franklin County Board of Education  (1 <sup>st</sup> full term expires 6/30/18) Profession: retired	Peggy Berryman P.O. Box 312 Royston, Ga. 30662 (706) 206-5090 <a href="mailto:mrsb50@hotmail.com">mrsb50@hotmail.com</a>
Franklin County Board of Education	Vacant and term has expired
City of Lavonia	Vacant and term has expired
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Minutes

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7/13/15

Franklin County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 13, 2015

Lavonia Library

Trustees present: Rita Shoemaker, Darby Cannon, Debbie Flowers, Nancy White, Travis Moon, Wayne Miller, and Cheryl Slater

Library Staff present: Rosie Chitwood, Emma LeCroy, Valerie Bell, and Lorena Gay-Griffin

Rita called the meeting to order and welcomed new regional director Valerie Bell.

The minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Wayne, second by Darby).

The agenda was unanimously modified and adopted to add an item regarding re-nominating Cheryl as one of the Franklin County representatives to the regional board (motion by Cheryl, second by Nancy).

There were no public comments.

Rosie gave the local report for Royston. She noted several items that have been fixed or still need to be addressed to complete the construction project at the library. Regarding Legacy Link individuals who work at the library—there is the possibility that Rosie's time for training these volunteers may be reimbursable. The Royston Friends of the Library will provide funding for temporary part-time summer help. Preparations for summer reading program continue.

Emma gave the local report for Lavonia. Regarding the Libra grant, Emma learned that the Lavonia Friends will not have to match the Libra fund grant, saving the Friends \$350. Preparations for summer reading program continue. Nothing has been done regarding inside renovations at the library.

Lorena gave the regional director's report. She noted that Valerie has joined ARLS as our new director. There has been a focus on providing local newspapers with information on library-related services available at our local libraries. The renovations on the Agricultural Building look good. Rita has been communicating with city manager Gary Fesperman about library needs/use for this building.

Rita led the board in a discussion about our 2015-2016 budget. She presented three options with differing levels of increased spending for the board to consider. After discussion the board unanimously approved asking the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for an increase of \$26,972 (motion by Cheryl, second by Darby). Rita will get on the BOC agenda to bring this request before them.

Rita appointed Darby and Travis to the nominating committee with her for the purpose of nominating individuals to fill the vice-chairman and secretary positions for FY 2015-2016.

Rita noted that Wayne's term at the regional board is ending and a replacement must be named. The board unanimously approved the appointment of Darby to the regional board (motion by Cheryl, second

Franklin County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Lavonia Carnegie Library

October 12, 2015

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Rita Shoemaker called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved (motion by Cheryl, second by Cindy, unanimous approval).

One item was added to the Agenda under New Business—to vote on a new member to represent Franklin County on the Regional Board of Trustees. The revised agenda was adopted (motion by Nancy, second by Cheryl, unanimous approval).

There was no public comment.

Local Reports:

Royston: The new company logo is on the Pharma Tech sponsored sign and was paid for by Pharma Tech.

Lavonia: The Friends of the Lavonia Library will be asked at their meeting tonight about giving money for the Reimagine Your Library Campaign.

Regional Director's Report: Topics covered included upcoming events/activities promoting our Reimaging Your Library Campaign. There was a 25% increase in August and 20% increase in September in card registrations. The statistics report and budget report were covered. Sponsorship of the NEGA Regional Workshop truck is still occurring. Healthcare navigators will be in our libraries to help with healthcare signup from November through January. Regarding the financial report, there was a question about whether money to fix the brick work at the Royston Library has been deducted from the construction fund revenues of \$24,257.22.

The board voted to appoint Cindy Bryant to the ARLS regional board replacing Cheryl Slater (motion by Nancy, second by Cheryl, unanimous approval).

Other Business: \$26,695.87 has been spent on the Lavonia renovations. The issue of paying to move books for flooring replacement was discussed. Valerie suggested that we could have a reopening event for the library after new floors and painting are completed. A committee consisting of Rita, Debbie and Emma was appointed to work on the reopening event. A second topic concerned paying for a doorstop or other means of protecting the front door. The question of a new sign for Royston is still open. Board vacancies for Canon and Royston still exist. There is no current prospect for Canon but one has been identified for Lavonia.

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<b>Gifts Lavonia:</b>	
Beginning FY16 Balance	3,500.90
Lavonia Gifts FY16	165.00
Lavonia Gift Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,689.20)</u>
Current Balance in Gift Account	<u>1,976.70</u>

<b>Gifts Royston:</b>	
Beginning FY16 Balance	2,064.88
Royston Gifts FY16	500.00
Royston Gift Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,118.28)</u>
Current Balance in Gift Account	<u>1,446.60</u>

<b>Fund Equity (Reserve):</b>	
Balance at 7/01/15	18,781.05
Less: Reserve for vacation pay	<u>(6,948.75)</u>
Reserved for One Months Operating	<u>(8,454.17)</u>
	<u>3,378.13</u>

## ROYSTON CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FY2015/FY2016

### REVENUES

Georgia State Financing Commission	1,270,664.00
Private funds	400,000.00
Interest Private funds	11,161.01
Local Government Funds	<u>68,225.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>1,750,050.01</u>

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to city

### EXPENDITURES

PONDER AND PONDER ARCHITECTS	79,952.75
CONSTRUCTION SPRATLIN	1,514,417.17
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>120,187.09</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,714,557.01</u>

Ed Andrews  
city neg ROY

### REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES

35,493.00

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ROY & LA  
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**FY2016**  
**Franklin County Libraries**  
**July 1, 2015 - December 31, 2016**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Received</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Franklin County Board of Comm.	32,500.00	16,250.04	16,249.96	50.00%
Franklin County Board of Education	18,225.00	-	18,225.00	0.00% Billed 12/01/2015
City of Lavonia	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	0.00% Billed 12/01/2015
City of Royston	18,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	50.00%
City of Carnesville	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	0.00% Billed 12/01/2015
City of Franklin Springs	500.00	-	500.00	0.00% Billed 12/01/2015
City of Canon	600.00	-	600.00	0.00%
Transfer from Reserve	8,225.00	8,225.00	-	100.00%
Royston fines, fees and copy money	7,400.00	4,994.20	2,405.80	67.49%
Lavonia fines, fees and copy money	4,000.00	2,672.02	1,327.98	66.80%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>101,450.00</b>	<b>41,141.26</b>	<b>60,308.74</b>	<b>40.55%</b>

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Expended</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Regional Share	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	50.00%
Wages/Benefits	81,950.00	44,979.68	36,970.32	54.89%
Telephone	1,500.00	648.29	851.71	43.22%
Advertising	-	19.75	(19.75)	
Postage	500.00	9.03	490.97	1.81%
Supplies	2,000.00	1,028.50	971.50	51.43%
Computer Maintenance & Software	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>101,450.00</b>	<b>54,185.25</b>	<b>47,264.75</b>	<b>53.41%</b>

Revenue over (under) expenditures - (13,043.99)

**Agenda**

**Franklin County Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**October 12, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Lavonia Library**

**revised 10-7-15**

**1. Call to order**

**2. Approval of minutes July 13, 2015 meeting**

**3. Adoption of agenda**

**4. Public Comments:**

**5.. Local Library Reports:**

**Royston  
Lavonia**

**6. Regional Library Director's Report**

**7. New Business:**

**Royston sign**

**8. Other Business:**

**Vacancy, City of Canon and Lavonia**

**Lavonia Library Phase II Renovation Project**

**Royston Library Building Project Update**

**Set next meeting date January 11, 2016 Royston Library**

**10. Adjourn**

# Lavonia-Carnegie Library

October 12, 2015  
Manager's Report for July, August, September  
Emma LeCroy, Branch Manager

## ***Quarterly Statistics***

	Patron Count	Questions	Computer Use
July	1924	503	978
August	1590	438	1011
September	1530	456	970
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5044</b>	<b>1397</b>	<b>2959</b>

## ***Library Activities***

### **Programs**

- Regular preschool story time started back on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration for SRP was 137 with 54 participants reading the required books or hours. We had 9 programs with a total of 485 attending. And finalized the end of SRP reports, and thank-you letters.
- Awarded four tickets to the "Puppetry Center for the Arts" to a SRP child that completed the required reading.
- The Book Discussion read and discussed "My Accidental Jihad", "A Spool of Blue Thread", and "A Prayer for Owen Meany".

### **Special Events and Exhibits**

- Reader's Advisory for July was "Epistolary Novels", for Aug. was "Novels Set in the South", and for Sept. was "And the Award Goes to...".
- GA. Mountains Workforce Career Coach was at the Library during August.
- Had display for the library card campaign and awarded our four bags to four luck patrons who got new cards
- Have display for Banned Book Week.

### **Staff Development and Activities**

- Attended two Friends meeting this quarter.
- Assisted in preparations for the annual FUN RUN/WALK and the book sale.
- I attended the Branch Manager's meeting in Athens.
- All staff participated in Talking Books training.

### **Friends**

- Renewed subscriptions to seven magazines for a year
- Reserved the booth for the book sale. The GLASS reps. were also at the festival booth.
- Gave money for staff to attend Staff Development Day.
- Purchased new chair for circ. Desk.

### **Donations**

- \$165 in memorials.
- \$10 anonymous donor



## Royston Public Library

Athens Regional Library System

October 12, 2015

### Manager's Report for July-September, 2015

Rosie Chitwood, Branch Manager

#### Quarterly Statistics

	Patron Count	Questions	Computer Use
July	3,907	1,849	2,399
August	4,198	1,865	2,666
September	3,473	1,621	2,277
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,578</b>	<b>5,335</b>	<b>7,342</b>

#### Library Activities

##### Programs

- Registration for SRP was 300, with 131 participants reading 54 books or 27 hours. Twenty-two programs were presented with 979 attending.
- Sixty teens signed up for YA summer program. Twenty read 10 books.
- C2C book group read and discussed *Something Borrowed*, *Home Repair*, and *Savannah from Savannah*.
- Nine basic computer classes have been conducted with 32 patrons attending.

##### Special Events and Exhibits

- Georgia Mountains Workforce Development Career Coach provided services for 15 people from our area.
- Readers' Advisory for July was "Epistolary Reads", August was "Novels Set in the South", and September was "And the Award Goes to...".

##### Staff Development and Activities

- PINES Mini-Conference at A-CCL was attended by Cheri, Ann, and me.
- I attended a Branch Managers Meeting at the Athens Library. *COMO Conference*
- All staff had Talking Books training.
- Lorena and I interviewed candidates for the 14/hrs/wk Assistant position. Ann Ashworth was hired.

##### Friends of the Library

- Funded Children's end of the summer party. County and City officials were also invited.
- Donation made to help with food for SDD.

##### Facilities

- Our outside sign still has the old Phama-Tec logo; the Plant Manager, Eric McAllister, has been asking about taking it down to add the new logo.
- The Red Shield Roofing System came and worked on the roof leaks, but we are still having problems in the men's restroom. Ceiling has water spots.
- There is a faucet on the outside of the building, City Hall side, which has been leaking for months now. The ground stays wet.

Minutes

Revised September 7, 2015

Franklin County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

July 13, 2015

Royston Library

Trustees present: Rita Shoemaker, Cindy Bryant, Darby Cannon, Debbie Flowers (via phone), and Cheryl Slater

Library Staff present: Rosie Chitwood, Emma LeCroy, and Lorena Gay-Griffin

Rita called the meeting to order at 10:58.

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved (motion by Darby, second by Cheryl).

The agenda was modified to change the order of items discussed, and the change was unanimously approved (motion by Cheryl, second by Darby).

Because some questions regarding the FY16 budget were not resolved at time of the board meeting, the trustees voted unanimously to vote on the budget later in the week via e-mail vote (motion by Cheryl, second by Darby).

Rita gave a report from the nominating committee. The following nominations were unanimously approved (motion by Cheryl, second by Darby): Senior Co-Chair, Rita Shoemaker; Junior Co-Chair, Darby Cannon; Vice Chair, vacant; and Secretary, Cheryl Slater.

Rita welcomed new board member Cindy Bryant representing the Board of Commissioners.

Emma gave the local report for Lavonia. She noted that the library ordered additional books on CD using a donation from the Woman's Club. Summer Reading Program participation appears to be a little slow this year.

Rosie gave the local report for Royston. Summer Reading Program circulation has been somewhat slow this year. Roof leaks in the men's room and other locations have not been resolved. The Royston Friends will invite county and city officials to the end of summer party. Librarians will participate in a PINES mini-conference 8/25-8/26, which will be a refresher course on PINES. One Legacy Link employee has begun working, and there is one slot open for another.

Lorena gave the regional director's report. She said that the GPLS gave a donation to state libraries, of which Franklin County received about \$2,600 for materials. She told trustees that the Region is starting a year-long advocacy campaign for our libraries. This will include radio promotions, billboards, Facebook information, a speaker's bureau to visit civic organizations, and other promotional opportunities. The purpose is to get the word out about our libraries and their services. She also noted that the Talking Book Center has been centralized and ARLS promotes it throughout a 22 county area.

Rita noted that the trustee position representing Canon is still vacant. The Phase II renovation in Lavonia Carnegie Library appears to be on hold at present. Royston still has some issues that have not been resolved, and no decision has yet been made on where to spend money remaining in its construction budget.

The next meeting is October 12, 2015 at the Lavonia Library.

Rita adjourned the meeting.

Carnegie Library Interior Renovation

Sep-15

	Bid	Actual
<u>Flooring</u> Shaw Laminate + Baths Roberson Carpets & Flooring		\$11,421.17
<u>Repairs and Rear Door Replacement</u> Ivester's Construction Services		\$1,600.00
<u>Interior Painting</u> Keith Holland		\$6,500.00
<u>Front &amp; Rear Canvas Awnings</u> Anderson Awning & Canvas		\$1,536.00
<u>Rear Door Handrail</u> Vendor Unknown		\$650.00
<u>Lighting</u> CES Leland Electric	\$2,088.70 <u>\$2,900.00</u> \$4,988.70	
Total Project Cost		\$26,695.87

Party { Debbie  
          + Rita

Schools Out Wed, 12/11  
Christmas Parade  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Dec 6  
Tree Lighting Dec 11  
Gazebo  
Friday

Interior Paint Colors

Brass Plate on bottom of front doors

**Audiobooks**  
**Lavonia-Carnegie**

	<b>E-Books</b> <b>Lavonia-Carnegie</b>											
	<b>FY2016</b>											<b>FY2016</b>
	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2016</b>
July	30	34	45	38	39	26	66	84	94	101		
August	32	24	34	29	47	54	76	91	80	87		
Sept.	40	28	37	33	31	37	59	74	108	82		
October	22	23	38	35		35	68	113	111			
November	22	22	30	37		35	75	97	84			
December	29	36	32	57		60	92	94	102			
January	40	45	46	62		45	86	68	120			
February	36	37	40	39		70	68	85	123			
March	30	30	49	41		64	59	105	117			
April	27	52	51	38		75	92	134	60			
May	24	0	58	32		73	108	51	79			
June	38	33	80	47		49	79	82	89			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>270</b>		

**Audiobooks**  
**Royston**

	<b>E-Books</b> <b>Royston</b>											
	<b>FY2016</b>											<b>FY2016</b>
	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2016</b>
July	32	31	47	32	30	25	58	70	99	98		
August	25	23	52	51	34	24	69	90	89	76		
September	33	22	46	48	23	29	61	73	104	106		
October	32	40	38	41		37	56	93	89			
November	20	22	40	65		51	59	92	98			
December	42	27	53	53		61	84	73	88			
January	46	14	30	45		35	88	85	72			
February	27	18	37	51		58	58	91	87			
March	31	12	21	50		64	31	90	70			
April	24	44	34	52		48	54	60	88			
May	29	42	36	30		53	118	106	79			
June	39	37	23	34		56	57	75	82			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>280</b>		

## Franklin County Libraries

FY2016

Circulation	Library Cards Added											
	Lavonia-Carnegie							Royston				
	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016		FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
July	2,688	2,513	2,772	2,642	2,424	2,207	July	21	18	24	29	14
August	1,899	1,934	1,893	1,838	1,858	1,642	August	17	22	29	16	11
Sept.	1,611	1,638	1,749	1,704	2,005	1,611	Sept.	16	11	21	12	13
October	1,563	1,773	1,837	1,673	1,974		October	15	13	17	13	
November	1,603	1,680	1,628	1,605	1,788		November	11	11	8	10	
December	1,088	1,323	1,325	1,284	1,915		December	6	3	10	12	
January	1,465	1,324	1,754	1,525	1,644		January	17	26	13	12	
February	1,402	1,453	1,773	1,689	1,613		February	16	13	18	10	
March	1,638	1,685	1,621	1,794	1,814		March	12	19	10	5	
April	1,459	1,609	1,659	1,848	1,504		April	15	15	8	14	
May	2,564	2,171	2,050	2,119	1,846		May	28	23	20	21	
June	2,969	2,715	2,566	2,634	2,575		June	22	26	31	29	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,949</b>	<b>21,819</b>	<b>22,627</b>	<b>22,355</b>	<b>22,960</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>38</b>
Royston												
July	4,561	3,698	4,241	3,405	4,454	4,162	July	32	32	23	34	26
August	3,359	3,659	3,050	2,860	3,341	2,927	August	30	20	30	16	19
Sept.	3,598	2,880	2,500	2,171	3,638	2,958	Sept.	23	16	19	16	23
October	3,198	3,006	2,966	2,140	3,136		October	16	21	17	16	
November	3,188	3,003	2,480	2,001	2,442		November	27	24	25	20	
December	2,332	2,641	1,801	2,877	2,556		December	10	19	37	7	
January	2,678	2,833	2,231	3,014	2,921		January	19	19	22	12	
February	2,736	2,769	2,108	3,046	3,097		February	11	13	37	11	
March	3,028	3,248	2,278	3,285	3,616		March	20	12	23	13	
April	2,818	2,859	2,296	3,418	3,149		April	18	24	25	21	
May	3,705	3,390	2,964	4,221	3,520		May	36	38	52	18	
June	5,010	4,866	3,695	4,620	4,148		June	32	31	37	32	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,211</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>32,610</b>	<b>37,058</b>	<b>40,018</b>	<b>10,047</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>68</b>

No Bookmobile/Outreach

Computer Use		Attendance											
Lavonia-Carnegie		Lavonia-Carnegie						Lavonia-Carnegie					
		FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
July	1,438	1,341	1,243	1,546	1,155	978	July	4,402	2,825	2,591	2,483	2,163	1,924
August	1,628	1,625	1,904	1,162	1,238	1,011	August	4,388	3,555	2,447	1,797	1,945	1,590
Sept.	1,300	1,353	1,387	1,088	1,312	970	Sept.	3,697	2,963	2,359	1,734	1,874	1,530
October	1,336	1,457	1,460	1,032	1,274		October	3,454	3,390	2,518	1,791	1,870	
November	1,399	1,453	1,102	1,098	1,006		November	3,349	3,115	1,909	1,817	1,583	
December	1,163	1,014	855	814	907		December	2,522	2,170	1,399	1,396	1,478	
January	1,142	1,074	1,162	823	1,135		January	2,764	2,280	2,111	1,473	1,691	
February	1,274	1,118	1,165	1,098	822		February	3,303	2,710	1,877	1,817	1,408	
March	1,364	1,117	1,179	860	857		March	3,621	1,974	1,933	1,475	1,529	
April	1,361	1,157	1,055	829	795		April	3,599	2,082	1,776	1,536	1,583	
May	1,368	1,190	1,031	893	679		May	3,161	2,234	1,906	1,945	1,440	
June	1,521	1,377	1,329	1,110	970		June	3,920	2,940	2,330	2,341	2,342	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,294</b>	<b>15,276</b>	<b>14,872</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>12,150</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,180</b>	<b>32,238</b>	<b>25,156</b>	<b>21,605</b>	<b>20,906</b>	<b>5,044</b>
Royston		Royston						Royston					
		FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
July	1,568	1,439	1,587	1,530	3,064	2,399	July	5,226	4,010	4,247	2,970	4,835	3,907
August	1,665	1,608	1,482	1,515	2,644	2,666	August	5,498	3,953	3,631	2,562	3,948	4,198
Sept.	1,445	1,423	1,240	1,310	2,602	2,277	September	5,115	3,319	2,734	2,422	4,186	3,473
October	1,619	1,332	1,528	1,298	2,507		October	5,597	3,172	3,276	2,562	3,965	
November	1,549	1,261	1,223	688	1,958		November	4,299	2,763	3,562	2,393	3,017	
December	1,277	1,104	1,166	2,073	1,793		December	3,202	2,341	2,315	3,478	3,015	
January	1,513	1,466	1,339	2,183	2,091		January	3,451	3,027	2,787	3,792	3,216	
February	1,482	1,175	1,191	2,420	2,118		February	3,153	2,633	2,592	3,878	3,409	
March	1,698	1,456	1,287	2,453	2,228		March	3,448	3,090	2,787	3,875	3,588	
April	1,490	1,275	1,463	2,327	2,251		April	3,510	2,935	2,889	4,097	3,253	
May	1,533	1,340	1,582	2,513	2,169		May	3,842	3,193	2,888	4,313	3,476	
June	1,457	1,371	1,356	2,756	2,163		June	3,929	3,699	3,449	5,119	3,711	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,296</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>16,444</b>	<b>23,066</b>	<b>27,588</b>	<b>7,342</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,270</b>	<b>38,135</b>	<b>37,157</b>	<b>41,461</b>	<b>43,619</b>	<b>11,578</b>

<b>Gifts Lavonia:</b>	
Beginning FY16 Balance	2,074.09
Lavonia Gifts FY16	165.00
Lavonia Gift Expenditures FY16	<u>(596.44)</u>
Current Balance in Gift Account	<u>1,642.65</u>

<b>Gifts Royston:</b>	
Beginning FY16 Balance	4,348.11
Royston Gifts FY16	
Royston Gift Expenditures FY16	<u>(606.83)</u>
Current Balance in Gift Account	<u>3,741.28</u>

<b>Fund Equity (Reserve):</b>	
Balance at 7/01/15	23,581.52
Less: Reserve for vacation pay	<u>(6,948.75)</u>
Reserved for One Months Operating	<u>(8,454.16)</u>
	<u>8,178.61</u>

## ROYSTON CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FY2015/FY2016

### REVENUES

Georgia State Financing Commission	1,270,664.00
Private funds	400,000.00
Interest Private funds	11,161.01
Local Government Funds	<u>68,225.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>1,750,050.01</u>

### EXPENDITURES

PONDER AND PONDER ARCHITECTS	79,952.75
CONSTRUCTION SPRATLIN	1,514,417.17
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>131,422.87</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,725,792.79</u>

### REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES

24,257.22 — New Sign  
 is this actual number?      Brick work (check on)

**FY2016**  
**Franklin County Libraries**  
**July 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015**

	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% of Budget Received</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Franklin County Board of Commissioners	32,500.00	8,125.02	24,374.98	25.00%
Franklin County Board of Education	18,225.00	-	18,225.00	0.00% BILLED 09/15
City of Lavonia	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	0.00% BILLED 09/15
City of Royston	18,000.00	4,500.00	13,500.00	25.00%
City of Carnesville	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	0.00% BILLED 09/15
City of Franklin Springs	500.00	-	500.00	0.00% BILLED 09/15
City of Canon	600.00	-	600.00	0.00% BILLED 09/15
Transfer from Reserve	8,225.00	8,134.40	90.60	98.90%
Royston fines, fees and copy money	7,400.00	2,998.12	4,401.88	40.52%
Lavonia fines, fees and copy money	4,000.00	1,536.56	2,463.44	38.41%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>101,450.00</u></b>	<b><u>25,294.10</u></b>	<b><u>76,155.90</u></b>	<b><u>24.93%</u></b>

	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Amount Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% of Budget Expended</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Regional Share	15,000.00	3,750.00	11,250.00	25.00%
Wages/Benefits	81,950.00	20,710.55	61,239.45	25.27%
Telephone	1,500.00	368.43	1,131.57	24.56%
Postage	500.00	50.00	450.00	10.00%
Supplies	2,000.00	382.81	1,617.19	19.14%
Computer Maintenance & Software	500.00	32.31	467.69	6.46%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>101,450.00</u></b>	<b><u>25,294.10</u></b>	<b><u>76,155.90</u></b>	<b><u>24.93%</u></b>

Revenue over (under) expenditures

Athens Regional Library System

**Request for Reconsideration of Library Resource or Service**

Submit completed form to library staff in any branch or mail to:

Library Director, Athens Regional Library System, 2025 Baxter Street, Athens, GA 30606

Your Name: Ted Williams Date: 10/15/15

Address: 329 Riverhead Dr.

City: Rayston State: GA ZIP: 30662

Phone: 706-988-6876 email: \_\_\_\_\_

Library / Branch Rayston

Type of resource or service on which you are commenting:

book  audio recording  magazine or newspaper

video or DVD  program  display

electronic material or information (specify URL: \_\_\_\_\_)

other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable): Heavy Metal and you

Author/Producer (if applicable): Christopher Krovatin

Please answer the following questions about the resource you are requesting to be reconsidered.

1. What brought this resource or service to your attention?

*noticed the title, caught my attention, book was located in young adult section, TCP shelf.*

2. Have you read, viewed, and/or attended the entire resource or program?

*No, skimmed thru book was shocked at profanity.*

3. What concerns you about the resource or service? (Please list specific pages or sections if applicable. Use other side or additional pages if necessary.)

*Look, I'm no grade nor am I put off by "Heavy Metal" music, but I feel this book of garbage has snuck into your system and*

4. What action are you requesting that the library take in regard to this resource or service?

*Should be reviewed and NOT put in the "young adult" section. This is not a way to enlighten young adults. Thank you.*

Signature

Ted Williams

The Athens Regional Library System appreciates your interest in the library's resources, programs and services. You will receive written notification of the decision concerning your request.

- staff use only - (initial & date)

Form rec'd

To: Franklin County Library Board of Trustees book review committee

From: Donna Brumby, ARLS Assistant Director for Library Collections and Grants

Subject: Patron request for reconsideration of *Heavy Metal and You*, by Christopher Krovatin

Date: November 2, 2015

Concerning the October 15, 2015 patron request to reconsider *Heavy Metal and You*, by Christopher Krovatin, it is the recommendation of the ARLS Collection Management Team that the title be retained as currently classified in the Young Adult Fiction section of the library's collection.

From the Athens Regional Library System's Resource Collections Management Policy (approved by the Board of Trustees October 16, 2014):

"Resources and materials selected for addition to the Athens Regional Libraries' collection will support the mission and vision determined by the local Library Boards of Trustees and the ARLS Board. The library system upholds the right of the individual to secure information even though the content of that information may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to others."

"The following general criteria are used in selecting resources for the collection. Not every title needs to meet all criteria, but should meet one or more of the criteria. The number and weight of applicable criteria may vary in specific selection decisions. Purchase suggestions from library users and library staff are reviewed and purchased according to the same selection criteria.

1. Current and anticipated needs and interests of library users
2. Current appeal and popular demand
3. Affordability
4. Contemporary significance and sustained popularity
5. Importance and value to the community
6. Authority, currency, accuracy, literary merit, and artistic quality
7. Suitability of subject, style, and format for the intended audience
8. Reputation or significance of the author, illustrator, editor, publisher, producer, or performer
9. Impartiality of opinion or clearly stated bias
10. Availability of similar resources elsewhere in local community
11. Attention of the media and evaluation by critics and reviewers
12. Receipt of or nominations for major awards or prizes
13. Contribution to the diversity and scope of the collection"

"The library offers a wide range of materials representing varying points of view. The library collection is not limited to ideas and information one person or group believes to be acceptable. Library materials may contain a certain amount of coarseness or frankness. Materials selected for children and young adults may include representations of the human experience which reflect a realistic or a fantastical point of view."

The novel, published in 2005, was selected according to the approved collection development policy. The title received favorable reviews from standard, professional library and literary review journals (see attached). The School Library Journal review cited the book's "rapid progression, as well as the realistic situations and language," which would make "the book a good choice for reluctant readers." Booklist gave the novel a starred review, calling it "an authentic portrayal of an obsession with music." The title was included in an American Library Association Best Books for Young Adults list after its publication. The book was recommended for readers in grades 10 and up, ages 15 to 18. In ARLS collections, materials for this age group are classified and cataloged in the Young Adult section.

Sixteen copies of the title are currently cataloged and circulated by PINES libraries across the state. The Royston copy, the only one currently owned by an ARLS library, has circulated twice since being added to the collection.

The language and situations included in the novel accurately reflect the reality and lifestyle of some older teens. The language is not shown as being abusive in its nature, but as commonly accepted dialogue between sets of high school friends and heavy metal music enthusiasts. The story examines developing relationships and the dilemma of balancing growth and change versus remaining true to one's own self and ideals.

In conclusion, it is the recommendation of the Collection Management Team that the title be retained as currently classified in the collection.

# Heavy Metal and You

## Christopher Krovatin

### REVIEWS

#### From *School Library Journal*

Grade 11 Up—Sam wears spiked bracelets, gets wasted with his friends, and has almost encyclopedic knowledge about heavy-metal music. But he's also incredibly intelligent and as knowledgeable about classic literature as he is about the music he loves. Sam attends an expensive all-boys prep school in New York City, and he and his buddies often cut classes to smoke or get an early start on the weekend. But all good things must end, and they do with a sudden crash when Sam begins to date Melissa, a straightedge who doesn't drink or do drugs and doesn't like the fact that he does. Sam tries to modify his behavior for the girl who is more important to him than he ever thought possible, but pleasing Melissa means completely changing who he is. This romance is chock-full of music references, slang, and general metalhead band knowledge such as album release dates, etc. The language is raw and full of sexual talk and innuendo, especially among Sam and his friends. The main characters are well developed and mostly believable, if a bit more emotional than expected on Sam's part. The plot moves quickly and jumps from past to present, with Sam interspersing his current situation with relevant scenes from his past. This rapid progression, as well as the realistic situations and language, keep teens' attention, making the book a good choice for reluctant readers.—Heather E. Miller, Homewood Public Library, AL

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#### From *Booklist* (8/2005)

\*Starred Review\* Gr. 10-12. It was *Slayer* that first turned Sam Markus into a Metal Head. "Slayer was like Rob Zombie, only without the camp value and with better musicianship. They scared the hell out of me at first, and I loved it. Pure fucking evil." Sam and his buddies hang out drinking, smoking, and exchanging vulgar insults when not attending their NYC prep school. But after Sam starts to date Melissa, things change. He makes her a disc of tunes to draw her into his world (the songs are listed so readers can re-create the mix), and goes "straightedge" for her, giving up his favorite vices. Ultimately, though, he realizes that he's becoming one of the phonies that his idol Holden Caulfield detests. Infusing the story with music, humor, and anger, Krovatin records a perfect take on relationships and how they change. From the terrific cover and portrait of selfish love to the clever CD player icons indicating narrative switches (PLAY, PAUSE, SKIP AHEAD, BACK, and on the final page, STOP), this is an authentic portrayal of an obsession with music. Teens don't have to like heavy metal to appreciate this novel, which is guaranteed to attract readers looking for a book to reach their death-metal souls. Cindy Dobrez  
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#### From *KLIATT Review*, July 2005 (Vol. 39, No. 4), Claire Rosser

The author is a 20-year-old student at Wesleyan University who grew up in Manhattan, where this edgy story takes place. The summer before his freshman year, he was a Scholastic Push Writing Intern; presumably this debut novel is the result of that experience. The narrator is Sam Markus, also known as Conan (the Barbarian) to his friends. His passion in life is heavy metal music, about which he has encyclopedic knowledge. Sam is also a good student who loves Holden Caulfield and understands Baudelaire's poetry; he goes to a prestigious all-male prep school in NYC. He likes to get drunk, smoke pot and go to horrible horror movies with his friends. In fact, he sees his beloved music as another form of a horror movie. When the guys get together, they happily insult one another and make crude jokes. Enter Melissa. She is

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straightedge (no alcohol or drugs) and has no understanding of heavy metal music, but she is willing to listen and even to attend a raucous concert, which she hates. Their relationship lasts some months, and they both feel they are in love, yet each has reservations about the other's friends and interests. When Sam finally meets Melissa's friends he finds they are all that he despises in preppy snobbery and artifice, and this brings to a head the couple's dilemma. The talk between Sam and his buddies is appropriately crude and raunchy, with frequent obscenities--puerile, but they understand one another and accept one another. Sam explains to Melissa why he is so attached to heavy metal. It seems to be a way to channel his anger, most of which arose from his childhood when he was bullied at school and couldn't fight back. (The music dissipates his anger, not fuels it.) Sam's story of his first real love will resonate with many YA readers, most of whom have experienced something like this relationship--the chemistry is powerful, but the connections that bind them together are weak. Category: Hardcover Fiction. KLIATT Codes: S--Recommended for senior high school students. 2005, Scholastic, Push, 186p., \$16.95. Ages 15 to 18.

From ***School Library Journal*** 10/1/05 (partial review)

KROVATIN, Christopher. *Heavy Metal and You*. 186p. Scholastic/Push. 2005. Tr \$16.95. ISBN 0-439-73648-X. LC number unavailable.

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#### **About the Author**

Chris Krovatin, editor of *The Best Ghost Stories Ever*, authored *Heavy Metal and You*, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. *Heavy Metal and You* was Chris' first novel. He was a junior at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, when he finished writing this book. He also served as an intern for noted young adult author David Levithan.

**TO:** Ms. Rita Schoemaker, President  
The Franklin County Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Valerie Bell, Director - Athens Regional Library System  
**COPY:** Lorena Gay-Griffin, Assistant Director – Regional Services  
**DATE:** December 23, 2015  
**SUBJ:** PROPOSAL -- Franklin County Libraries staffing allocation

The retirement of Emma LeCroy presents an opportunity to reevaluate the staffing conditions for Franklin County. I have spoken extensively to Lorena Gay-Griffin, ARLS Assistant Director of Regional Services, regarding the staffing needs of the county. What follows in this memo are four options for the Franklin County Library Board's consideration.

There were four [staffing related] issues that were taken into consideration when developing options for your review.

1. The salary of the staff.
  - a. Current salary is \$7.25 per hour.
  - b. This rate is below the recommended ARLS hourly salary of \$8.00 per hour.
  - c. This salary is below the hourly rate for libraries in surrounding counties.
  - d. This low hourly salary impacts the pool of candidates who will apply for staff positions and may curtail their length of service with Franklin County libraries.
2. The number of people on staff.
  - a. Both the Lavonia-Carnegie and the Royston Branches are open 40 hours per week.
  - b. For safety and adequate public service reasons, at least two staff should be on duty for all open hours.
  - c. A minimum of 80 staff hours per week for each location is required.
3. Budgeting for employer paid benefits TRS and GHI.
  - a. Royston Branch Manager Rosie Chitwood, has currently opted out of GHI (Georgia Health Benefits).
  - b. The employer paid GHI portion (\$10,116) has been absorbed in the current salary structure.
  - c. Rosie has suggested that her situation may change in the future and she may have to opt in to the State Health Benefits program (GHI).
  - d. The employer share of GHI needs to be set aside in the budget to allow for this possible eventuality. (\$10,116)
4. Not a staffing consideration, but an important consideration none the less, is generating funds to replenish the reserve account.

I believe that the options listed and explained below address all of the concerns to some extent. I am confident that the Board will find an option below that will meet the needs of the residents and staff of Franklin County. I am therefore requesting that the Board review the options outlined in this memo and let me know which option you would like ARLS to implement on your behalf.

Of course, if you have any questions or would like clarification on any of the considerations, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

### Option 1

No change. Everything would remain the same. I believe that we could hire someone to work the same schedule and salary that Emma is currently receiving. However, this option does not address any of the issues stated above. If Ms. Chitwood were to opt in to the state health benefits, there would be a large financial impact on the Library's reserve account. I do not recommend this option. It is however, viable if you so choose.

### Option 2

For this option and all remaining options, Rosie Chitwood would go from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week. She would additionally receive a 2% salary increase. For this consideration, Ms. Chitwood would take over the Branch Manager duties at both the Lavonia-Carnegie and the Royston Branches. She would spend the equivalent of two days at Lavonia and three days at Royston.

	Current					Proposed								
	HPW	Salary	Weekly	Annual	All Benefits	HPW	Weekly	Annual	2% Raise	sub-total	GHI	TRS	Other	Total
Rosie Chitwood	32	\$ 10.90	\$ 348.80	\$ 18,137.60	\$ 20,894.40	40	\$ 40.00	\$ 496.00	\$ 22,672.00	\$ 453.44	\$ 23,125.44	\$ 10,116.00	\$ 3,297.69	\$ 1,769.10 <b>\$ 38,308.23</b>

With this option we would keep the current staff at the same hours with a raise of 7% to \$7.75 per hour.

	Current					Proposed						
	HPW	Salary	Weekly	Annual	Benefits .0765	Total	7% increase	Weekly	Annual	Benefits .0765	Total	
Jordan Ford	12	\$ 7.25	\$ 87.00	\$ 4,524.00	\$ 346.09	\$ 4,870.09	\$ 7.75	\$ 93.00	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 369.95	\$ 5,205.95	
Ellen Sumney	16	\$ 7.25	\$ 116.00	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 461.45	\$ 6,493.45	\$ 7.75	\$ 124.00	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 493.27	\$ 6,941.27	
Ann Ashworth (Teen)	14	\$ 7.25	\$ 101.50	\$ 5,278.00	\$ 403.77	\$ 5,681.77	\$ 7.75	\$ 108.50	\$ 5,642.00	\$ 431.61	\$ 6,073.61	
Computer (Vacant)	12	\$ 7.25	\$ 87.00	\$ 4,524.00	\$ 346.09	\$ 4,870.09	\$ 7.75	\$ 93.00	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 369.95	\$ 5,205.95	
Cheryl Hall (Children's)	16	\$ 7.25	\$ 116.00	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 461.45	\$ 6,493.45	\$ 7.75	\$ 124.00	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 493.27	\$ 6,941.27	
Subs (Annual)	200	\$ 7.60		\$ 1,520.00	\$ 116.28	\$ 1,636.28	\$ 7.75	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 118.58	\$ 1,668.58	
				\$ 27,910.00	\$ 2,135.12	\$ 30,045.12				\$ 29,760.00	\$ 2,276.64 <b>\$ 32,036.64</b>	

Additionally, for option 2 and all remaining options, we would divide Emma LeCroy's salary among three new staff. For option 2 those 3 new staff would receive an hourly salary of \$7.50.

New Staff	HPW	Salary	Weekly	Annual	Benefits	Total
LA 1	12	\$ 7.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 358.02	\$ 5,038.02
LA 2	12	\$ 7.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 358.02	\$ 5,038.02
LA 3 (Plus substitute option)	8	\$ 7.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 238.68	\$ 3,358.68
						<b>\$ 13,434.72</b>

### Option 2 – Summary:

Since Rosie Chitwood has opted out of the State Health Benefits for FY2016 (\$10,116 employer share), option 2 uses a portion of that budgeted amount for new staff and holds the other (greater) portion in the Franklin County Library reserve account.

Option Two	ANNUAL	2016	GHI Savings
	SALARY &	Personnel	for Reserve
	BENEFITS	Budget	\$10,116
Current Staff at \$7.75 per hour	\$ 32,036.64		
New Staff at \$7.50 per hour	\$ 13,434.72		
Branch Manager	\$ 38,308.23		
	\$ 83,779.59	\$ 81,950.00	<b>\$ 8,286.41</b>

### Option 3

This option is very much like option 2. The exception is that it offers the current staff an hourly salary of \$8.00 per hour. This is in line with the recommended ARLS salary for entry level PT workers and equal to the entry level, hourly salary of surrounding counties.

	HPW	9.75% increase	Weekly	Annual	Benefits .0765	Proposed Total
Jordan Ford	12	\$ 8.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 4,992.00	\$ 381.89	\$ 5,373.89
Ellen Sumney	16	\$ 8.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 6,656.00	\$ 509.18	\$ 7,165.18
Ann Ashworth (Teen)	14	\$ 8.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 5,824.00	\$ 445.54	\$ 6,269.54
Computer (Vacant)	12	\$ 8.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 4,992.00	\$ 381.89	\$ 5,373.89
Cheryl Hall (Children's)	16	\$ 8.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 6,656.00	\$ 509.18	\$ 7,165.18
Subs (Annual)	200	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 122.40	\$ 1,722.40
				\$ 30,720.00	\$ 2,350.08	\$ 33,070.08

New, entry level employees would still only receive \$7.50 per hour.

Option 3 rewards the existing & loyal staff with a pay increase commensurate with the expected workload. Also, it still allows the Board to hold in reserve some of the employer share of GHI for Rosie Chitwood at least during fiscal year 2016.

### Option 3 - Summary

	ANNUAL SALARY & BENEFITS	2016 Personnel Budget	GHI Savings for Reserve
Option Three			\$10,116
Current Staff at \$8.00 per hour	\$ 33,070.08		
New Staff at \$7.50 per hour	\$ 13,434.72		
Branch Manager	\$ 38,308.23		
	\$ 84,813.03	\$ 81,950.00	<b>\$ 7,252.97</b>

### Option 4:

I believe this to be the best, fairest option for all concerned, and it is my recommendation.

- In this option, Rosie Chitwood would receive a 2% raise and would work 40 hours per week splitting her time as branch manager between the two locations.
- The existing staff would receive the hourly increase to \$8.00 per hour.
- The new entry level staff would have a starting salary of \$7.75 per hour. This is much closer to the starting salary of surrounding counties and the recommended ARLS starting salary for PT workers. The expected benefit of this option is a more qualified pool of candidates for new positions and a staff more likely to remain working for the library for a longer period of time.
- This option has the least amount held in reserve. However, I feel the overall benefit to the organization is well worth the \$447 difference in savings for the reserve account.

Existing Staff

	HPW	9.75% increase	Weekly	Annual	Benefits .0765	Proposed Total
Jordan Ford	12	\$ 8.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 4,992.00	\$ 381.89	\$ 5,373.89
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New Staff

New Staff	HPW	Salary	Weekly	Annual	Benefits	Total
LA 1	12	\$ 7.75	\$ 93.00	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 369.95	\$ 5,205.95
LA 2	12	\$ 7.75	\$ 93.00	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 369.95	\$ 5,205.95
LA 3 (Plus substitute option)	8	\$ 7.75	\$ 62.00	\$ 3,224.00	\$ 246.64	\$ 3,470.64
						<b>\$ 13,882.54</b>

Branch Manager (One serving both County Branches)

Current							Proposed							
HPW	Salary	Weekly	Annual	All Benefits	HPW	Weekly	Annual	2% Raise	sub-total	GHI	TRS	Other	Total	
52	\$ 10.50	\$ 348.80	\$ 18,137.60	\$ 1,259.40	5	40.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 22,672.00	\$ 453.44	\$ 23,125.44	\$ 10,116.00	\$ 3,297.69	\$ 1,769.10	<b>\$ 38,308.23</b>

Option 4 – Summary

	ANNUAL SALARY & BENEFITS	2016 Personnel Budget	GHI Savings for Reserve \$10,116
Option Four			
Current Staff at \$8.00 per hour	\$ 33,070.08		
New Staff at \$7.75 per hour	\$ 13,882.54		
Branch Manager	\$ 38,308.23		
	\$ 85,260.85	\$ 81,950.00	<b>\$ 6,805.15</b>

Again, Option 4 is my recommended option for Franklin County staffing in 2016.

It must be noted that for fiscal year 2017, regardless of which option you choose, we will need to request additional funds from the Lavonia Board of Commissioners for staffing. Even with the new schedule and staff, Lavonia will be open 17 hours a week with only one person in the facility. Royston will be operating 3.5 hours per week with only one staff member in the building. So at a minimum, we will need to ask for salary to cover those hours.

Thank you for your time reviewing this document and these four options. I hope you have found it helpful. Please let me know if there is some other way that I can assist you in making this staffing decision.